

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) for a medical tubing (2), ~~such as a tubing for connecting a catheter with a urine bag~~, said connecting piece comprising a first unit (3) and a second unit (4), said first unit (3) comprising a first connecting element (5) for a tubing element (6) and a second connecting element (7) for the second unit (4), said second connecting element comprising a tubular female part (8) for engagement with the second unit (4) and first sealing elements (9), and said second unit (4) comprising a tubular male part (10) with a collar (11) and second sealing elements (12) for cooperating with the first sealing elements (9), said first unit (3) and second unit (4) comprising respective separator elements (13), **characterized in**

that the first sealing elements (9) and the second sealing elements (12) are configured for being mutually engageable by moving the male part (10) and the female part (8) axially towards each other for establishing a locking device (14), by which the first unit (3) and the second unit (4) are kept together;

that the separator elements (13) comprise faces that are arranged on the female part (8) and the male part (10), said faces being in abutment against each other when the first unit (3) and the second unit (4) are kept together by means of the locking device (14), said faces being such arranged in the direction of the peripheries of the male part and the female part, respectively, that by a turning of the first unit (3) in relation to the second unit (4) an axially extending force component is provided for causing the sealing elements to leave their mutual engagement; and

that the separator elements (13) and the locking device (14) are arranged such that they are at an axial distance from each other when the first unit (3) and the second unit (4) are kept together by the locking device (14).

2. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the separator elements (13) comprise the collar (11), the delimiting edge (15) of said collar being a continuously extending delimiting edge, whereby a connecting line between any two points along the delimiting edge (15) in the peripheral direction of the male part (10) is less than ~~90°~~ 90° in relation to the axial extension of the male part (10) and the female part (8).

3. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to ~~claims 1-2~~ claim 1, **characterized in** that the delimiting edge of the collar provides at least two tongues (16), said delimiting edge being congruent with the delimiting edge (17) of the female part.

4. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterized in** that the delimiting edge of the collar follows the shape of a wave and has a uniform distance between the wave crests (18).

5. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the first sealing elements (9) comprise an annularly extending bead (19) arranged on the inner face of the female part; and that the second sealing elements (12) comprise an annular recess (20) arranged on the outer face of the male part, and which also provide the locking device (14).

6. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the first sealing elements comprise an annular recess (21), the delimiting side faces (22) of which are essentially axially parallel with the centre axis of the female part; and that the second sealing elements (12) comprise an annular flange (23) for providing the delimiting edge (24) of the male part.

7. (Original) A connecting piece (1) according to claim 6, characterized in that the delimiting side faces (25) of the annular flange of the male part extend taperingly in relation to the central axis of the flange (23) and converge towards the delimiting edge (26) of the flange

8. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to ~~claims 6-7~~ claim 6, characterized in that the medially arranged side face for the annular recess of the first sealing elements (9) comprise a beveling (29), said beveling facing laterally.

9. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, **characterized in** that one face (27) of the annular bead of the female part extends taperingly and converges in a direction towards the annular recess (28).

10. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the first connecting unit comprises a valve (30).

11. (Original) A connecting piece (1) according to claim 10, characterized in that the valve (30) comprises a housing having a displacer means (31) which is displaceable within the housing and perpendicular to the central axis of the first connecting unit, being intended for regulating the passage of liquid in the first connecting unit.

12. (Original) A connecting piece (1) according to claim 11, characterized in that the displacer means comprises stops (32) mounted at each end of the displacer means.

13. (Currently Amended) Use of a connecting piece (1) according to ~~claims 1-12~~ claim 1 for establishing connection between a catheter (33) and a urine discharge bag (34).